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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3 and 6-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. 4591698 (US'698).

Referring to Fig. 2, US'698 discloses a cooker with a vessel 30 on the floor, a heater 29a to heat the floor and vessel, a second heater 17 to heat the cooking cavity, and fan 40.

Claims 1 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP06-249445 (JP'445) or U.S. Pat. 4554864 (US'864).

Referring to Figs. 1 and 4, and the abstract, JP'445 discloses a cooker with a steaming vessel 6 on the floor and a heater 7 to heat the floor; or in Fig. 4, US'864, discloses a cooker with a steaming vessel 30 on the floor and a heater 22 forming a floor portion.

The Examiner notes that the vessels of US'698 and US'864 meet the structural claim limitations, hence they are capable of the intended use of containing food as well as water.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2, 3, and 6-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph M Pelham whose telephone number is 703-308-1709. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JPelham", written over the date "8/6/04".

JOSEPH PELHAM  
PRIMARY EXAMINER